

REMARKS

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112,
35 U.S.C. § 102, AND 35 U.S.C. § 103**

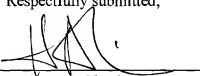
Claims 17-31 of the present application stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 35 U.S.C. § 102, and 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the series of telephone conferences with Examiner Lisa Hashem on July 5-6, 2006. In those conferences, the present amendments were discussed in detail and at which time it was agreed that the present amendments overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 35 U.S.C. § 102, and 35 U.S.C. § 103. In light of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections to claims 17-31 be withdrawn and propose that claims 17-31 are in a condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0447 for any fees required or overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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